



**MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER.**

10:00am – June 9, 2024

Children’s Ministry (*birth – 6<sup>th</sup> grade*) available

- Welcome/Prayer** Pastor Kevin
- Worship in Song** Worship Team  
(5-6<sup>th</sup> graders stay for outside service today)
- Bible Teaching** Pastor John
- Worship in Song** Worship Team
- Lunch on the Lawn** (*parents pick up kids – enter from walkway/foyer*)

**NEW GUESTS:** Please visit the Welcome Booth on the walkway after service to receive a gift! Please be our guest again soon!

**Special Upcoming Opportunities**

**YOUTH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:** As Pastor Wil & Victoria transition fully to Fireside Church, there are many ways to serve (*set up, teach, breakout groups, oversee games, 1 on 1 connections*) **Sign up in foyer to attend info meeting Sun June 30<sup>th</sup> 11:30** to know more about being part of a new team that builds up our teens!

**FIRST OPEN ARMS CHURCH – SUMMER LADIES EVENT:** Join us for coffee/tea under the PAVILION Sat 6/29 9:30-11:00AM. Connect, pray, discussions groups & opportunities to get to know one another better. Questions, contact Ann Ando: [ann@openarmschurch.com](mailto:ann@openarmschurch.com)

**FALL LADIES RETREAT @ CAMP OF THE WOODS:** Fri-Sun, Sept 13-15 This year’s theme is “Let’s Become Deeply Rooted Women of God.” Speakers include Rebecca Carrol & Jen Wilkins. \$270 cost if 25 sign up includes lodging/meals/activities. **Sign up in foyer today.** Contact Kirsten Baker for more information: [kbarry4106@gmail.com](mailto:kbarry4106@gmail.com)

**KID’S PLAYDATE – Tues. from 10-noon.** Bring bikes/trikes! Contact Tiffani Stuitje for more information: [tnt.stuitje@gmail.com](mailto:tnt.stuitje@gmail.com)

**Everyday Life at OAC**

**BAPTISM:** Baptism is a special time to celebrate your journey of faith & obedience to Christ. Contact a pastor to tell of your interest.

**PRAYER:** Join with others on **Sundays 9-9:40am** and/or the **2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays 5:00pm** in the last room on the left in the Education wing.

**YOUTH GROUP:** Teens in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade invited Sunday evenings from 6-8pm for teaching/connections/snacks/games. *website: /youth*

**GIVING OPTIONS:** 1) Drop in offering boxes by worship center doors 2) Check by mail. 3) Use link on website / app. *website: /egiving*

For more information & other opportunities, visit us at:

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**Summer Growth Groups**

Opportunities to connect with others & grow in your faith.

Be a part of a group that fits your schedule/interest

Email [pastorjohn@openarmchurch.com](mailto:pastorjohn@openarmchurch.com) for more info!

**TBD...**

**1) Post Abortion Support Group (PASG): (Women)**

Begins in June – Day of the week to be determined

Contact Amy Monte at [amonte2@twc.com](mailto:amonte2@twc.com) for more info

Will meet weekly

**TUESDAY**

**2) The Person and Power of the Holy Spirit: (Men & Women)**

Embracing a culture of prayer.

Sign up in foyer (*incl whether you are coming early for pizza*)

Facilitated by Pastor John

6:00-7:30 p.m. at the church building (worship center)

Meets weekly – **(5:20pm for connections & pizza dinner)**

**WEDNESDAY**

**3) The Person and Power of the Holy Spirit: (Men & Women)**

Embracing a culture of prayer.

Sign up in foyer (*incl whether you are coming early*)

Facilitated by Pastor John

10:00-11:30am at the church building (café/kids church)

Meets weekly – **(9:30 for connections & coffee/donuts)**

**FRIDAY**

**5) When Memory Issues Hit Home: (Women’s group)**

A biblical support group for women walking with family or friends experiencing signs of dementia or Alzheimer’s.

Facilitated by Ann Ando

10:00-11:30 a.m. at church building in the Cafe

Meets (monthly) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month

Begins June 21<sup>st</sup>

For the latest happenings with the new church plant, visit:

**FiresideChurchNY.com**

Sunday AM services at Glenville Senior Center begin July 7th

# Trusting God when Our Back's Against the Wall

Exodus: God Rescues to Make Himself Known

Exodus 13:17 - 14:31 (ESV)

<sup>17</sup>When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near. For God said: Lest the people change their minds when they see war and return to Egypt. <sup>18</sup>But God led the people around by the way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea. And the people of Israel went up out of the land of Egypt equipped for battle. <sup>19</sup>Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for Joseph had made the sons of Israel solemnly swear, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones with you from here." <sup>20</sup>And they moved on from Succoth and encamped at Etham, on the edge of the wilderness. <sup>21</sup>And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. <sup>22</sup>The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people.

<sup>14:1</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses: <sup>2</sup>Tell the people of Israel to turn back and encamp in front of Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, in front of Baal-zephon; you shall encamp facing it, by the sea. <sup>3</sup>For Pharaoh will say of the people of Israel, 'They are wandering in the land; the wilderness has shut them in.' <sup>4</sup>And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, and the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD." And they did so. <sup>5</sup>When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the mind of Pharaoh and his servants was changed toward the people, and they said, "What is this we have done, that we have let Israel go from serving us?" <sup>6</sup>So he made ready his chariot and took his army with him, <sup>7</sup>and took six hundred chosen chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them.

<sup>8</sup>And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the people of Israel while the people of Israel were going out defiantly. <sup>9</sup>The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and his horsemen and his army, and overtook them encamped at the sea, by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon. <sup>10</sup>When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD. <sup>11</sup>They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt. <sup>12</sup>Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." <sup>13</sup>And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. <sup>14</sup>The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."

<sup>15</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. <sup>16</sup>Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. <sup>17</sup>And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>18</sup>And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord,

when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen." <sup>19</sup>Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, <sup>20</sup>coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

<sup>21</sup>Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup>And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. <sup>23</sup>The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>24</sup>And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, <sup>25</sup>clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians." <sup>26</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." <sup>27</sup>So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the Lord threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. <sup>28</sup>The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained.

<sup>29</sup>But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. <sup>30</sup>Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup>Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

## God makes a way where there seems to be no way...

1) The 'longer' way may be best – be patient, let God lead.

vs13:17-22

2) Where God guides, He rescues - despite enemies & WALLS

vs14:1-7

3) The fearful response is blame God – He says: shh & look/see

vs14:8-14

4) Faith moves forward - trusting in God's unseen protection

vs14:15-20

5) Obedience to God's instruction allows Him to work miracles

vs14:21-28

6) God rescues/saves, so that we might revere & believe in Him

vs14:29-31